# ARB's Heavy-Duty Vehicle Air Quality Loan Program

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#### Overview

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#### **Funding Source**

- AB 118 (Nunez, 2007) provides \$50 million per year to ARB for air quality improvement program
- First year AQIP funds (08-09 FY): \$48M one-time allocation to support specific regulatory proposals:
  - Scheduled for October 2008 Board Hearing
  - In-Use Truck and Bus Rule
  - Heavy-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Reduction Regulation

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### Summary of Proposed In-use Truck and Bus Rule

- Phase-in requirements start in 2010
  - All requirements for small fleets delayed until 2012
- Phase-in 2010 model year engine equivalent
- Any of 3 compliance options for PM or NOx
  - Best available control technology (BACT), or
  - BACT Percentage Limits, or
  - Fleet average
- Special provisions (e.g., school buses)

#### Summary of Proposed Heavy-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Reduction Measure

- Tractors pulling 53-foot+ box-type trailers
  - 2011 MY+ new sleeper cabs SmartWay certified
- Trailers: 53-foot+ box-type
  - 2011 MY+ new trailers: SmartWay certified OR retrofitted with SmartWay approved technologies
  - By 1/1/2014, all other box-type trailers must comply
    - Phased-in compliance schedule for large fleets (20+) starting in 2010

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#### **Need for Loan Program**

- Significant costs associated with staff's regulatory proposals
- Insufficient grant funding
- Access to traditional incentive grant funds limited by:
  - Criteria for surplus emission reductions
  - Requirements for applicant cost-sharing



#### Program's Objectives

- Assist fleets affected by regulatory proposals
  - Provide competitive rate loans to fleets that fall outside conventional loan underwriting standards
  - Prioritize funds to small fleets or fleets with financial hardship
- Foster early action on regulatory compliance
- Longer-term goal
  - Sustainable program

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#### Potential Program Structure

- ARB working with financing authorities within the State Treasurer's Office (STO)
  - Successful loan guarantee program models
- ARB to develop program requirements, e.g.,
  - Products eligible for financing
  - Fleet size and region of operation
  - Financial need
- Pilot Off-Road Loan Incentives Program to demonstrate loan guarantee model



### Potential Loan Program Mechanisms

- Loan guarantees only
- Loan guarantees with add-on options
  - Longer repayment periods
  - Interest rate buy-downs
  - Combination grants/loans
- Lease buy-backs

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#### Why Loan Guarantees?

- Maximize State funds:
  - Leveraging power of ~7:1
  - \$48M in loan guarantees = \$340M in loans
  - More fleets assisted through loan guarantees
- Financing infrastructure in place now with STO
  - Rapid implementation to support October 2008 regulatory schedule
- Other financing mechanisms



### Loan Product Packages

- Financing for vehicle upgrades to comply with regulatory requirements:
  - ARB-verified PM exhaust retrofits
  - Used, lower-emitting trucks
  - SmartWay approved energy efficiency retrofits (low-rolling resistance tires, aerodynamic skirting and fairings)
  - New trucks (with SmartWay technologies)?

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#### Concepts for Loan Product Packages

Examples of Products Eligible	Estimated
for Financing	Amount Financed
PM exhaust retrofit on in-use truck; low-rolling resistance tires	\$13,100
Used truck (2007); low-rolling resistance tires; SmartWay energy-efficiency retrofit for trailer	\$88,100
New truck and trailer (2010) with SmartWay energy-efficiency technologies	\$153,000



## Timeline for Loan Program Development

#### For 2008-2009 FY AQIP Funds:

Now-Oct. '08	Develop program structure, administrative requirements, technical criteria
Oct. '08	Report to Board on program
Oct. '08-Spring '09	Finalize program with STO; conduct program outreach
Starting Spring '09	Loans available for fleets
Starting July '09	Periodic program assessments
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#### For More Information

- ARB's Heavy-Duty Vehicle Air Quality Loan Program
  - http://www.arb.ca.gov/ba/loan/loan.htm
- ARB's AB 118 website
  - http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm
- Sign-up for automatic e-mail notifications
  - http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/loan.htm



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#### Comments and Discussion